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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Cully Corridor Community Collaboration Center Hub for Education, Workforce Development and Community Services in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Multnomah Education Service District, located at 11611 N.E. Ainsworth Circle, Portland, Oregon, 97220.

The funding would be used for the purchase and development of a regional community education, workforce, and services center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reduces access barriers, and provides essential educational, workforce development, and wrap-around support services in a region that lacks many centralized supports and is experiencing an unprecedented houselessness, drug addiction, and gun violence crisis. This center broadens outreach by school districts to ensure that every youth, including those historically marginalized, has safe and equitable access to resources for college and career readiness.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Earl Blumenauer Member of Congress